



Anniversary
1926-1951

Robert C. Sprague and Ernest L. Ward Address Supervisors at Dinner Meeting

Frans Fonteyn Named Superintendent at Bennington

It has been announced by Mr. S. S. McClure that effective December 3, Mr. Frans C. Fonteyn will be the Superintendent of the Bennington Plant.

Mr. Fonteyn, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree from a Belgium school, formerly was employed by the Bell Telephone Company in Antwerp, Belgium and was with the Gaevent Company of America for twenty years. Mr. Fonteyn has held the position of Assistant to Mr. McClure. The new Bennington Plant Superintendent is married and has four children.

Also, on December 3, Mr. David Cates, Assistant to Mr. John Washburn, assumed the duties of night foreman at Bennington. Mr. William Pierce will continue as foreman of both the Brown Street and Bennington Wire Coating Departments.

Mr. Lawrence Haskins is on a leave of absence.

The regular monthly supervisors' discussion group meeting was held as a dinner meeting at the Clarksburg Sportsmen's Club on December 3. A social hour preceded the dinner.

Mr. Robert C. Sprague and Mr. Ernest L. Ward were the guest speakers at this affair. The Training Advisory Committee was represented by Messrs. Carroll Killen, Samuel S. McClure, William J. Nolan, Fred H. Potter, Courtney W. Flanders, Robert C. Sprague, Jr., Robert S. Teeple, and John D. Washburn. Mr. Ward also is a member of this Committee.

The dinner meeting was held for the two-fold purpose of giving the Sprague Electric supervisors an opportunity to get acquainted with each other and with the Training Advisory Committee, and of giving Mr. Sprague and Mr.

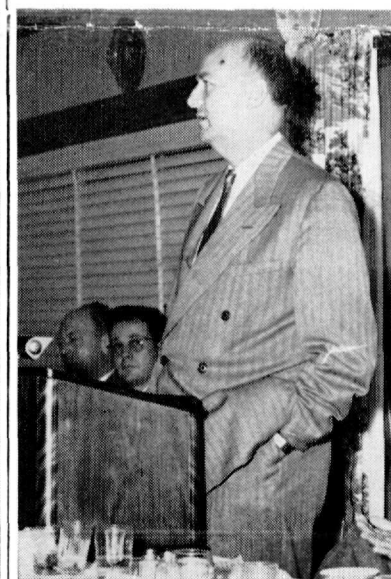
Ward an opportunity to address all the Company supervisors in one group. It is planned to continue this dinner meeting as an annual affair for it is the only occasion on which the ten different supervisory discussion groups representing the three North Adams plants have to get together at one time. Also at this gathering, the supervisors and their executives have an opportunity to discuss problems.

Mr. Robert Kelley, Assistant to the Secretary of Sprague Electric, attended the meeting.

After the dinner and the speeches, the movie "By Jupiter" was shown.

Robert C. Sprague addresses the group at the Supervisors' Dinner Meeting.

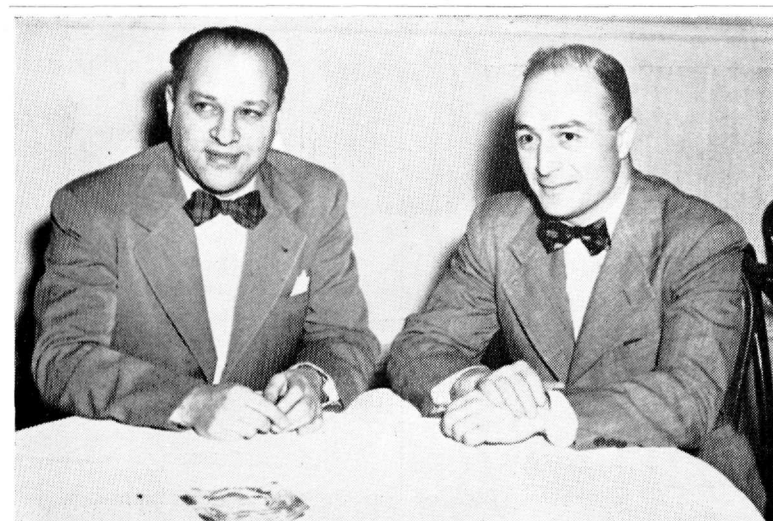
Ernest L. Ward was a guest speaker at the Supervisors' December meeting.



George Megerian Tells Management Club of Rocket Research

The Sprague Electric Management Club at its regular meeting on December 5 had the pleasure of having Mr. George Megerian, an authority on rockets, address the group.

Mr. Megerian, who spoke on "Rocket Research in the U.S.A." was introduced by the retiring Program Chairman, Harold Brafman. The guest speaker described the activity of American rocket research scientists during World War II with special emphasis on the work done with captured Nazi Buzz and V-2 bombs and equipment. He illustrated this part of his speech with a captured German film showing German scientists at work with the type of bombs with which England was bombarded during the war.



Above: Harold Brafman, retiring Program Chairman, introduced Mr. George Megerian, guest speaker at recent Management Club meeting.

Below: From left to right -- Ralph Boisjolie, Harold Brafman, Ernest L. Ward, George Megerian, guest speaker, James Galbraith, Robert Peters, Aaron Bowser, and Charles Rae. Mr. Bowser and Mr. Rae are guests from the Sylvania Electric Company NAF Club.



The rocket authority went on to describe the first experiments which were held at White Sands, New Mexico. The results of these experiments were shown in a colored film, part of which had been taken by photo equipment attached to the rocket itself. Mr. Megerian was coordinator of the Project Hermes which was connected with the firing of German V-2 rockets at the White Sands, New Mexico development for the Army Ordnance Department.

Mr. Megerian has been connected with rocket research at the General Electric Company since the end of the last war. Presently, he is the Secretary of the National Rocket Committee, a group of leading American rocket scientists meeting every two or three months to co-ordinate rocket research.

The Sprague Electric Management Club was fortunate to have Mr. Megerian as a speaker and see the films he showed as much of this material was, until very recently, highly restricted for security reasons. It also was of special interest to our Management group because much electrical and electronic equipment was used in the development of the rockets.

After Mr. Megerian had finished, he answered questions from the group. Many of the questioners were disappointed, however, because often Mr. Megerian could not give out information for security reasons.

This interesting and informative meeting which was held at the Richmond Hotel was attended by 132 people, 84 of the members of the Sprague Electric Management Club, 36 guests, 12 Sprague Electric Supervisors, and 2 members of the National Association of Foremen's Club of the Sylvania Electric Company of Buffalo, New York. Mr. Aaron Bowser and Mr. Charles Rae were the guests from Sylvania.

At this meeting, Ralph Boisjolie, incoming President, presented a certificate of merit to the retiring President, Raymond Calvi.

Social Security Check-up May Save You Money

Saltonstall to Speak Here, Sponsored by Local C. of C.

On December 18, the people of this area will have an opportunity to hear frank, non-partisan, non-political discussions by the Hon. Leverett Saltonstall and Mr. Russell C. Harrington. The Legislative Committee of the North Adams Chamber of Commerce, Ernest Rosasco, Chairman, has arranged to have these two capable speakers come to North Adams.

The Honorable Leverett Saltonstall, a member of the Appropriations and Armed Service Committee, will speak on "What's Happening in Washington". This talk should be interesting and enlightening for voters.

Mr. Russell C. Harrington of Providence, R. I. is Resident Partner of Ernst & Ernst, Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Harrington is a member of the Board of Directors of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Committee on Government Ex-

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Have you had your yearly check-up? No, not a medical checkup, but a Social Security checkup.

This checkup with the Social Security Administration is a very important one because, if the Administration's record of your wages is not in accord with your own record and the error stands for four years, then, nothing can be done about it. So unless you find out yearly if the records are correct, when the time comes for you to take advantage of your Social Security you may not receive as much money as you had been counting on.

In an organization as large as the Social Security Administration, there are bound to be some mistakes made. The wage credits (wages which are reported to the Social Security Administration for each employee and credited to his social security account) accounted to your name may be less than you and your employer actually have paid in. By dropping a postcard in the mail addressed to the Social Security Administration, Candler Building, Baltimore 2, Maryland, you

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Supervisors Hold Annual Dinner Meeting



From left to right: Robert C. Sprague, Jr., Robert C. Sprague, Jack Washburn, William J. Nolan, Ernest L. Ward, and Robert Kelley enjoy the social hour before the dinner. In the right background: S. S. McClure, Fred Potter, and Carrol Killen. Through the doorway: Harry Haskins.



Cocktails were served.



Above: A movie was shown.

Below: Dinner was enjoyed.



CHRISTMAS TREES BEING SOLD AT NORTH ADAMS Y. M. C. A.

Beautiful balsam Christmas trees now are being sold at the North Adams Y.M.C.A. On December 2, the "Y's Men's Club", a service organization of the Y.M.C.A., took to the woods for their annual Christmas tree expedition. They brought back many fine trees for their holiday enjoyment.

The "Y's Men's Club" will use the proceeds from selling the trees to finance their activities for the year. Among their many worthy projects, the "Y's Men" do a great deal of work for boys through the Y.M.C.A.

Purchasing a Christmas tree at the "Y" will not only brighten your home, but contribute toward brightening the life of some youngster.

Ralph Boisjolie, Ernest Purpura, and Edward Cook are members of the "Y's Men's Club".

Marshall Street News

Vitreous Enamel Resistors

by Norma Rancanti

We wish to welcome all the new co-workers who have joined us and hope they enjoy working with us.

It's "So Long" to **Viv Belanger**, and **Issy Wolkins** who have left us. We all miss you.

We would like to extend a special welcome to **Bronius Nakutis** and hope he enjoys our great U.S.A.

Best wishes to **Antoinette Trotter** on her recent marriage to Pvt. Arthur Richer. We wish you luck, Toni.

On December 12, **Ruby Morse** sang at a concert in Chapin Hall, Williamstown, given by the Berkshire Choral Society. There was a repeated concert the next evening in Pittsfield. We are all proud of you, Ruby.

Lil Grande and **Sammy Dean** both celebrated their birthdays on Thanksgiving day. **Chips James** and **Doris Richardson** also had recent birthdays. Best wishes to all of you.

We hope you were able to get a copy of the Boston Sunday Advertiser on December 9. The girls in our department all reserved copies so they would be sure to see their picture.

Julia Cirillo is all smiles these days because her daughter, Lt. Katherine Cirillo, is home on leave from the Naval Hospital.

Mickey Briggs has been very sad. Her dog, Lady, is at the hospital. Don't worry, Mickey, we know she will have a speedy recovery.

Why doesn't **Al Readyhough** have his piece of pie at rest period any more? Too much company, Al?

John Shaker has been elected the salad king of Vitreous Enamel.

A happy Thanksgiving was had by all.

Below: And lady supervisors were well represented at the Supervisor's Dinner-Meeting.



Natural Gas Change-Over In Process

The North Adams, Adams, and Williamstown areas right now are in the middle of the conversion from manufactured to natural gas. Adams, District 1, has been converted, Williamstown and the State Road part of North Adams were changed over on December 13, the part of North Adams north of the Hoosac River is scheduled for the change-over on December 14 and 15, and the Church Street section will be converted on December 17 and 18.

The housewife probably has many questions in mind about the use of natural gas. If you have questions or problems call North Adams 1080 or Enterprise 6078.

A crew of about 350 conversion men will adjust all your gas appliances for the natural gas.

The housewife will not have to worry about making cooking adjustments. Although the natural gas is hotter than manufactured gas, you only use half as much. The burners will be adjusted accordingly. The housewife will have to get used to the different appearance of the flame. Natural gas gives a soft, rather diffused flame as compared to the hard flame with a pointed bluetip of the manufactured gas.

Many people have the mistaken notion that natural gas is dangerous. Actually, it is non-toxic. To further protect you, an odor will be added to the otherwise odorless natural gas so it can be detected if a burner is left on by mistake.

This conversion eventually will be very advantageous to the users of gas. Labor costs and the cost of the fuel cannot allow manufactured gas to be sold any cheaper, but some day natural gas will cost less money. Also, it will be used for heating.

The Northern Berkshire Gas Company is making every effort to make this conversion with a minimum of inconvenience to its gas customers. The Districts have been and will be notified as to when the conversion will take place. If you do not plan to be at home on this day, make arrangements so the conversion crew will be able to enter your house. There is definitely no danger of loss of property.

Miscellaneous Dry Test, Finish, and Ship

by Ceil Risch

Welcome back to **Bill Mendell**, our foreman, who has been ill.

Get better, **Rose Coyne**, we miss you. She has been out for third degree burns on one of her hands. It was an unfortunate accident, Rose.

We hope **Emily Wlodyka** will recover from her cold soon.

Minnie Les won't miss anything that is going on now that she has her new glasses.

Network and Filters

by Mae and Marie

Congratulations to **Alta Oakes** who celebrated her birthday. Hope she has many more. We also celebrated **Mr. Beaman's** birthday. Congratulations to you, Mr. Beaman.

Sorry to have **Doris Krol** and **Edith Royal** leave us to work in the Filters. We are glad they are in the same room though.

Bernie Stackpoole is on vacation and enjoying some deer hunting. So far, his son, Alan, is the only one in the family to get a deer.

Eleanor DeSanty loves **Marie Lemoine's** banana cake. Glad to make you one anytime, Eleanor.

Network and Filter Development Section

by Julia Desrosiers

We wish **Beatrice Marsh** good luck in her new department.

We welcome **Edna Penczar** to our department and hope she likes it here.

Dorothy Gay has returned from her vacation. She had a good rest at home.

Ralph MacDonald is spending his vacation deer hunting.

Saltonstall To Speak Here

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penditures of the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S., and Past President of the Providence Chamber of Commerce. He has the reputation of being one of the outstanding public speakers in the Chamber of Commerce organization. As a member of the Council, Committee on Auditing Procedure, Committee on National Defense, Trial Board of American Institute of Accountants, and Past President of the Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants, Mr. Harrington comes well prepared for his topic, "It's Your Money They Are Spending".

This is an open meeting and everyone is invited. Tickets may be obtained from members of the Legislative Committee, at the Peebles Jewelry Store, Rice's, and Nassif's in North Adams; Hopkins Furniture Store, Washburn's Book Store, and the College Pharmacy in Williamstown; the Park Street Market in Adams; or by calling the Chamber of Commerce, North Adams 1300.

Tickets are \$3.00 for the dinner and meeting which will be held at the Richmond Hotel, 7:00 p.m., December 18.

Ceramics

by Ida Gigliotti

Thanksgiving has come and gone and we are humbly grateful for the opportunity of living in this great country where each and every one of us enjoy so many privileges. It's really something for which to be thankful.

Greetings and salutations from Ceramics to **Isabella Richardson, Nettie Murphy, Leone Roach, Norma Dargie, Homer Babeau, and Clifford Duhaime** who are new co-workers.

We went to visit **Virginia Gregory** to see her new home. She has a lovely place, all shiny and new. Virginia is a recent bride and she is very happy in her new home. Lillian Schwarzer, a former co-worker, was there and we had a grand time reminiscing with her. Virginia served a delicious lunch and diets went out the window, for who was going to worry about calories that one night. We must have frightened Ernie Gregory into staying away for the evening. I can't say I blame him for just the thought of so much female company would be enough to frighten the bravest of men.

As the Christmas season approaches, we are beginning to perk up. Our rest periods are full of Christmas party talk. Our plans are incomplete as yet, but isn't it exciting? Parties are always such fun whether you're sixteen or sixty.

Clara Bourdon's new home is beautiful and from her beaming face when she shows you around, she has the feeling of pride and joy in her lovely home.

The Ceramics Department extends to all their friends their best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Test Equipment Engineering

by E. B. Ryan

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy. Christ, the Savior, is born."

Our present generation of "wise men" peering into the swirling mists of atoms and the universe have found no better gift to offer us than the will to love God and to heed the words the angels sang to the shepherds of "Peace on earth to men of good will".

The stars which shine in the eyes of a child on Christmas morn are wondrous to behold. If we could but reclaim the innocence of our childhood for just a little while and see again through eyes of love and faith something far greater than ourselves. But we are afraid and so on Christmas day we shall pretend our gifts have made our children happy, that the day is for them alone, but we must know their happiness is in itself the priceless gift to us. That Christmas can be for us adults. May joy and peace pervade your hearts this coming Christmas day and may health, wealth, and prosperity belong to each and every one of you in the glorious year to come.

Our final vacationers for the year were **Charlie Lincoln** who was unsuccessful in his attempt to bag a deer in Somerset, Vt.—condolences, Charlie, and, well, there's always next year; and **Eddie Shaker** who visited relatives in Danbury, Conn. where he spent the Thanksgiving holiday. Another late vacationer was **Norma Luscier** who was the guest of her mother in Providence, R. I., and who made good use of her time by doing a bit of holiday shopping.

Ed Lamphier has joined the Chevrolet owners by his recent purchase of a car. Many happy miles, Ed, and no troubles with this one.

Birthday congratulations are in order to **Mary Cantoni** who celebrated on December 12, to **Mary Mazza** on December 19, and to **Bob Begeibing** on December 23. May your birthdays be happy ones and forerunners of many, many more to come.

JUNE IN DECEMBER



The popular song sings the praises of June in January, but a few days ago **John Pietro** found a little June in December. Right outside the lunch room at Marshall Street, pushing their way triumphantly through the dead December sod, several dandelion blossoms were found by John. It is the nature of dandelions to blossom in the spring of the year, but hope springs eternal, and a few days of sunshine and mild weather was enough to urge these golden-yellow flowers into premature blossom.

DuPont Room

by Virg Blondin

We are glad to see **Norma Dargie** back with us after her two-month leave of absence.

Walter Estes is spending his week of vacation deer hunting. Good luck, Walt.

Marshall Street Rolling

by Choo-Choo

Bebe Kellar knitted a pair of socks in no time flat. He surely will be pleased with them, Bebe.

Welcome back, **Al Volpi**. The supervisors in our department recently completed a tour of the Brown Street plant.

Pfc. Pete Andognini, of Fort Jackson, was a recent visitor in the department. Pete formerly was employed here.

Allie Bates spent his vacation moving into his new home in Adams. Best of luck, Allie.

John Chadwell leisurely is making himself a clothes closet.

Larry Hiser is putting his spare time to use by making a hobby horse and a toy chest for his children.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Filters

by Ginger

Birthday greetings to **Pat Kline, Marjorie Valotta, and Elsie Sumner**.

We hope **Marjorie Richer, Betty Davis, and Irene Davis** like their new jobs.

John Davis went deer hunting, but all he got was sore feet. Better luck next time, John.

Martha Lewis and **Flossie Grew** are going into the junk business. If you have anything you want wrecked, just call on them. They guarantee a first-class job.

Alice Lyons is back with us again after her leave of absence. Alice's husband is on his way to the far East.

Gladys Griffin's work station is now in the corner where she is all by herself. Do you get lonesome, Gladys?

Margaret Isherwood has a job on her hands trying to keep all of us "kids" in line.

We hope the new girls like working with us.

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Mabel O'Grady** on the death of her husband.

Social Security Checkup

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can find out whether their records agree with yours or not.

When you write requesting this information, make sure you identify yourself. Give your full name, address, account number, and date of birth. You can expect a reply to your inquiry within ten days.

When the reply comes and it does not agree with your own records, write to the Social Security Administration immediately informing them of this. Give them the following information: name, address, and kind of business of any employer from whom you received wages not credited or inaccurately credited to your account. State the kind of work you have done, how long you were employed, and the amount of wages you received. You may get a special blank form at any Social Security field office for this purpose.

If, after checking its records, the Social Security Administration finds an error has been made, it will be corrected. However, if it does not find any error or omission, you will be asked to furnish evidence in support of your contention that a correction should be made. Then, you should submit any of the following:

1. Pay envelopes, vouchers, wage statements of social security tax receipts that have been furnished you by your employer or employers.
2. Statements based upon the records of your union.
3. Your income tax return.
4. Statements of your supervisors and foremen.
5. Statements of fellow employees.
6. Statements of other persons having knowledge of your employment and wages.
7. Your own personal record of wages, if accurately kept.

Be sure you make your yearly Social Security checkup. It only will take a few minutes of your time. Remember, if an error in the Social Security Administration's records stands for four years, nothing can be done about it. Interest in your Social Security now may mean more security in the future.

Shipping

by C. T.

Welcome to the Shipping Department **Clara Bond, Bella Carr, Norma Freedman, June Pringle,**

MANAGEMENT CLUB HEARS ROCKET DISCUSSION



Over 124 people attended the meeting to hear Mr. Megerian speak on "Rocket Research in the U.S.A."



The December 5 Management Club meeting was held at the Richmond Hotel. A number of invited guests were in attendance.

Joseph Rarick, Stanley Pasierbiak, Raymond Shays, and William Shar-

ron. Birthday greetings to **Betty Mahoney** who celebrated her birthday on November 30. She was presented with a beautifully decorated cake by the girls working on the Heat Seal line.

Loads of luck to **Marie Grande** who has left us to take another position in the Export Division.

Claire Mancine and **Caroline Moser** have enjoyed vacations recently.

Anyone who has a shoulder bag, please donate it to **Ernest Gregory**. He has been carrying his work in a cardboard box.

Brown Street News

Miscellaneous Resistor Assembly

by Anon, Rita and Blanche

We would like to apologize to **Toni Brooks** for the error in spelling her name. But she was a good sport and laughed about the whole thing.

Laura Sargent and **Jean Trimarchi** spent a week end in Pittsfield shopping for party ideas as they both had parties for their mothers on December 8. Greetings to Mrs. Sargent and Mrs. Trimarchi from all of us.

Christmas will soon be with us and (Continued on page 4)

Stay Safe for Christmas - Riding a "Jeep" May Land You in a Heap



WRONG



RIGHT

At left, **John Buchanan**, riding, and **Jack Hafner**, driving, demonstrate how NOT to use a "jeep". Riding on the fork of the jeep, as John is doing, leads to many bad accidents. In this precarious position, the rider may lose his balance, fall, and have his ankles or legs seriously injured by being run over by the wheels of the "jeep". At right, **Jack Hafner** shows the correct use of the "jeep". The "No Rider" rule is being obeyed and there is enough clearance between the floor and the fork of the "jeep" to allow for thresholds and material in the aisles. If the fork is low, it might hit an object causing the driver to lose control.

Bennington Plant News

Day Shift by Spot Spofford

Our welcome mat is spread for **Willie Mae Hoyt** and **Hazel Armstrong**. Willie Mae's husband, George, is a Machine Fixer.

Art George has returned to the first shift after a few months of service on the night shift.

Introducing to you the **McLenithen** family, **Harriet** and **George**.

Harriet is employed as a wire-coater and George is the solution maker. The McLenithens reside in Pownal. Both are great football fans. Why? They have two sons, Skip and Henry, on the Benhi Varsity Football Squad.

Billy Cooper who was employed at the Beaver Street Dry Rolling Department before entering the service

would appreciate hearing from friends. His address is: Pvt. William T. Cooper, US 51039398 1st Enl. Stu. Btry., A.T.V.M.C., No. 12 Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Plans are in the making for a Christmas party.

Second Shift by Rusty Hutchinson Deer Slayer Department

Herbert McIntise brought home a 90-pound buck — the good eating size. **Lorraine Cross's** husband and **Emily Thompson's** father lowered the price of meat for them.

Annabelle Matheson's son, Mickie, is hoping to get a meal of steak from his spike horn before he leaves for Burlington and Sampson, New York to join the Air Force.

Miscellaneous Resistor Assembly

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parties are in order. Our "annual" was held on Wednesday, December 12 at "Petey Dink's" and all had a very good time.

Merry Christmas to our co-workers and friends in other departments. We hope you get everything you asked for from Santa.

Happy days and happy weeks until Christmas comes again is the wish of your reporters to all.

KVA

by Mary Bua and Frank Santelli

Bill Pasotti started his vacation off with a bang. The bang occurred when Bill shot a deer the first day of hunting season. It was a 115-pound doe.

Dana Davis told us about the one he saw and missed.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Molded Tubular Final Solder

by The Busy Bees

It seems like old times to see **Vivian Belanger**, **Dora Burns**, and **Vera Davine** back on the line again.

Birthday congratulations to **Jennie Battory**.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for **Doris Bisson**. The date is January 5, 1952.

We extend our congratulations to **Evelyn Walden** on being elected union representative.

Dora Burns is spending her two-week vacation getting ready for Christmas.

Also **Katherine Ghidotti** is enjoying her two-week vacation.

We all wish **Johnny Ghidotti** success with his fireman duties.

Industrial Oil Rolling (Nights)

by Justine Miner

S. Piette is in the hospital for observation. Hope it's nothing serious and you'll soon be with us again.

Al Marsh was presented with a wallet as a farewell gift from the girls. We lost Al, but gained his wife, Beatrice, who is working with us now. Also welcome to **Viola Crofts** who has joined us.

Connie Gordon's son, Donald, age 5, recently won a prize on WMNB's Santa's Picture Party. Mother was as excited as Donnie.

Wire Coating

by Corena

The spotlight is on a baby girl born to **Corena Tatro's** son, Bernard. Congratulations.

Helen Foote and **Helen Burdick** enjoyed a trip to West Springfield,

where they attended the Ice Capades. **Gert Volpi** has been hustling around this week. The occasion? Son Bucky's seventh birthday.

Last week end was a busy one for the **Lepage** family for it was moving day. We hope you enjoy your new home.

Margaret Moulton is on her vacation. She is enjoying her first hunting trip.

Mel Peck also is hunting. We are watching the news for results.

A tip to the ladies—**Helen Burdick** tells us when you cannot find a needle large enough to sew up your turkey this Christmas, you can easily crochet it together. It works as she tried it on her Thanksgiving turkey.

Miscellaneous Resistor Assembly

by Chick and Chuck

Dear Santa Claus:
When you make the rounds this Christmas, don't forget to leave a new pair of dungarees at **Janet Horn's** to replace the pair she recently ripped. **Althea Horn** could use an alarm clock which also pushes you out of bed in the morning. **Alice Joseph** would like you to leave a robe at her house. **Steffi Leja** would like to see a teddy bear under her Christmas tree. **Vi Gamari** is hoping for a new cushion for her chair, made of sponge rubber. **Victor Gay** likes flashy ties, so see if you can get a nice bright one with plenty of colors for him.

Joe Brewer and **Bob Petitt** are thinking of joining the Coast Guard, so Santa when you get to their trees have plenty of writing paper so they can drop us a line once in awhile.

We understand **Chick Currant's** son, Billy, got a deer. Perhaps a deep freezer would be welcome at the Currant home.

Harry Haddad would like a new apron for Christmas. At least he hinted he would.

Mary Carnohan would be pleased to receive a nice pair of gloves to keep her hands warm on those cold days.

Betty Battersby is hoping for another trip to Philadelphia. If you have any tickets to Philly just leave one at her tree.

You can leave a new snow shovel at the Felix tree so Chuck will be able to take off a little of that extra weight.

Ralph Dow would like a nice blonde under his tree, Santa. See what you can do for him.

That's about it, Santa, so long for now, and a Merry Christmas to all our co-workers.

Molded Tubulars (Nights)

by Lillian Forbush

A Christmas party was held at Florini's Italian Gardens by the Night Shift. Corsages were worn; gifts were exchanged.

Birthday greetings to **Sandy Senecal**. She celebrated her birthday on

December 5.

Jo Aragose didn't forget the girls on her recent trip to Hartford, Conn. The candy was delicious. Thanks a million, Jo.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Jennie Pincombe** on the recent death of her husband.

Industrial Oil Stacking

by Ann Heath and Lydia Lewis

'Twas the month before Christmas and hunting was here,
With a gun and with Walter, Charlie hunted the deer.
They hunted and hunted with never a pause,
Watchout, little reindeer — watch out, Santa Claus.

Teddy, Eddie, Ronnie, and Bob — are through with shopping,
What store did they rob?

Lyda sat on a chair as nice as you please,
Said "Hand me the Sears book, I'll shop at my ease".

Now Winnie, and Alva, and Margaret, and Dot —
Their gifts are all wrapped,
They're right on the spot.

Rena and Millie; Helen and Lizzie,
Are shopping so fast it is making us dizzy,
Julia and Alice; Olga and Daisy,
Are shopping so slow they are driving us crazy.

Betty James is in tears, she says "It ain't fair."
She wants a fur coat — so Chubby shot her a bear.

Bill and Paul; Roger and Burt,
Keep looking for bargains —
Till their doggies they hurt.

But the true Christmas spirit is here just the same,
And it goes for you although we have missed your name.

Our prophecy was fulfilled. **Stella Grany** was presented with a diamond. Congratulations.

Happy birthday, Winnie Emery.

Beaver Street

Miscellaneous Paper Finish

by Gert Noel

We bid a sad farewell to **Bill Lafond** who has been transferred to Marshall Street.

Milton Hattat, our new supervisor, attended the Supervisors' Dinner Meeting at the Clarksburg Sportsmen's Club. From all reports, they had a very good time.

Gloria Amos certainly is a lucky girl. She and her husband are going to her home town, Montgomery, Alabama, for two weeks. It will be the first time she has seen her folks in two years. Have a grand time, both of you.

Pearl Walker is spending her vacation at home getting ready for the Christmas holidays.

Glad to hear **Dot Dunican** is home from the hospital and on the road to recovery.

A speedy recovery to **Mabel Lesage** who recently underwent an operation.

Ever hear of anyone falling upstairs? Well, that's just what your reporter did while on her way into work. Outcome: A broken blood vessel in the hand. In spite of the handicap, there's two nice things about the whole affair. First, I don't have to do any dishes. Second, my husband is getting a chance to display his culinary arts.

Ann Downey is a very happy woman. Her son, Corp. Pat Downey, is home until after the holidays from Hawaii. This is the first he has been home in a year.

Suggestion System Turns Ideas Into Cash



Clyde R. Hirst of Miscellaneous Resistor Assembly shows his foreman, Red Czerwinski, and David Cates, Secretary of the Suggestion System, his award-winning idea regarding the improvement of a press used to press out indentations. Clyde's ten-dollar suggestion award will come in handy for Christmas.



David Cates, in behalf of the Suggestion Committee, presents Zenon Barry with a twenty-five dollar check for his accepted suggestion regarding the filter capacitors. Mr. Barry is employed in Charles Desrosiers department, Miscellaneous Paper Assembly. This is Zenon's second suggestion award within six months.

Maude and Jack Waska celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on November 15. Many more happy years to both of you.

Anna Fourtou is spending her annual vacation in Barre, Vermont and at home.

Mary Benson is a very happy mother. Her son had a 48-hour pass from the Navy and was able to spend Thanksgiving at home.

Congratulations to **Jeannette Bombardier** and **Frederick Rarick** who were recently married. Jeannette formerly worked with us. She received a beautiful bedspread from the department.

Janet Haas won't have to stretch her budget too much to do her Christmas shopping. She recently won \$80 at a bingo game.

If **Helen Dubois** seems a little downcast, it's because her boyfriend has received greetings from Uncle Sam.

Maude Waska and **Anna Downey** are very busy planning the annual Children's Christmas Party. Knowing how hard they worked on parties in the past, we're sure this one will be a big success for the kiddies.

Metal Clad

by Dot and Jean

"Jingle bells, Jingle bells
Jingle all the way."

With Christmas just around the corner, our department is busily getting ready for their annual Christmas "cheer". Will have more details later.

Since everyone makes out a list for Santa at Christmas time, some of our group have put in for special requests.

Our inspectors would like roller skates, especially **Alice French** and **Theresa Coutu**.

Dorothy Carden would like an alarm clock. We certainly hope she receives one.

Red Dellaghelfa asked for a pair of "kneefers". Oh, I beg your pardon, I believe she meant knickers.

Last but by no means least, **Phyllis Bartlett** would like a new pencil for every day of the week.

Get well wishes are being sent to **Bertha Moreau** and **Doris Monnette**. We all hope to see you back with us soon.

Congratulations to **June Jacobsen**

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Sunday Republican Picks 1951 All-Western Massachusetts Schoolboy Football Team

CLASS A

Name	School	Pos.	Name	School
Bill Keeley, Agawam.....	E.....	Bill Gorham, Holyoke		
Bill Lewis, Greenfield.....	E.....	Stan Chmielewski, Agawam		
Dick Backstrom, Agawam.....	T.....	Henry Bazan, Chicopee		
Champ Morris, Westfield.....	T.....	John McCarthy, Cathedral		
Fred Budarz, Greenfield.....	G.....	Fred Pugliano, Chicopee		
Tim Cimone, Drury.....	G.....	Ray George, Turners Falls		
Alan August, Greenfield.....	C.....	Ken MacRae, Northampton		
Don Denault, Cathedral.....	B.....	Al Fontana, Agawam		
Archie Williams, Tech.....	B.....	Frank Reid, Pittsfield		
Don Godzinski, Greenfield.....	B.....	Al Bishop, West Springfield		
Stu Kibbe, Agawam.....	B.....	Virgil Lunardini, Chicopee		

Honorable Mention

Ends—Leo Gilson, Pittsfield; John Pochus, Greenfield; Gene Grazia, West Springfield

Tackles—Roger Haverly, Chicopee; George Shenan, Classical; Fred Orlosk, West Springfield; Frank Krypel, Adams

Guards—Ray Marck, Cathedral; Bob Tehan, Greenfield

Centers—Jim Cartwright, Cathedral; Red Skinner, Holyoke

Backs—Jim Budrewicz and Charlie Harris, Greenfield; Ronnic Bush and Norm Truchart, Drury; Chuck Garivaltis, Pittsfield; Don Hallett, Classical; Joe Stefanowicz, Holyoke; Les Plumb, West Springfield; Billy Gonet and Dick Hall, Agawam; Red Kowalczyk and George Kelleher, Westfield; Art Yacovone, Chicopee; Chet Bury and Paul Trotter, Adams

Metal Clad

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who just got an addition to her family, a bouncing baby girl.

You will never guess how **Helen Hadala** spent her week's vacation—Christmas shopping.

We have a cheery "hello" for **Katharine Watrous** who is absent and on sick leave.

Everyone sooner or later develops some kind of a hobby. **Pete Rondeau** says raising heifers is his. How much can one person talk on his favorite subject?

Welcome to all our new co-workers and may we leave this little greeting with you: From all of us to all of you a very Merry Christmas.

Miscellaneous Paper Assembly

by Marie-Rose LaFlamme

Mary O'Neil is enjoying her vacation at home and also catching up on her Christmas shopping. How we envy you, Mary.

I guess everyone has spring fever in our room! These nice days are getting the best of us.

Christmas seems to be the main topic in our department. Everyone has so much shopping to do and so little time in which to do it. There just aren't enough hours in a day. Cheer up, girls, after the first of the year you can relax for awhile before another big holiday comes along. Dinner menus also are being exchanged amongst the girls. No wonder our sandwiches are tasteless at noon after hearing about all these delicious recipes.

We wish **Casimer Gliwski** the best of luck in his new job. We miss the familiar tune "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" which was Casey's one and only song.

Congratulations once more are in order for **Jeff Barry** who recently won another award for an accepted suggestion. We are proud of you, Jeff.

Bathtub Assembly

by D. Landry

Nellie Cavanaugh enjoyed her annual vacation at her home recently.

We envy **Marguerite Fletcher's** trip to New York City and the wonderful opportunity she had for Christmas shopping on Fifth Avenue.

Carolyn Grant is enjoying a visit from her son, Apprentice Seaman William Grant.

Nancy Briggs recently enjoyed a day of shopping in Albany.

Happy birthday greetings to **Rosa Vallieres** and **Bill Armbruster**. Bill isn't quite sure himself just which day

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Lassies Defeat Merchantes

by Mary Gordon

On December 2, the Sprague Lassies traveled to Housatonic to play a preliminary game against the Lenox Merchantes. In their third start of the season, the Lassies came out the victor with a score of 30-16.

The Merchantes are a newly-organized club and although they did lose to the Lassies it was a scrappy game throughout.

Miss Janice Fowler was high scorer for the Lassies with seven baskets, totaling 14 points and Miss Lahart scored 12 points for the Merchantes.

Following is a breakdown of the scoring:

Sprague Lassies	B.	F.	P.
Wisnowski, H.....	3	0	6
Fowler, H.....	7	0	14
Amos, H.....	1	0	2
Wittig, R.....	0	0	0
Mason, R.....	0	0	0
Meranti, R.....	2	1	5
Stephanopolis, C.....	0	0	0
Damon, C.....	1	0	2
Briggs, C.....	0	1	1
Totals.....	14	2	30

Lenox Merchantes	B.	F.	P.
Stickles, R.....	0	0	0
Fielding, R.....	1	0	2
Stickles, R.....	0	0	0
Lahart, L.....	6	0	12
DiConza, L.....	0	0	0
LaDue, L.....	0	2	2
Lahart, C.....	0	0	0
Jerome, C.....	0	0	0
Totals.....	7	2	16

Williams' Captain Salmon On Little All-American

Captain Salmon who played guard on the Williams Football Team has been named to the Little All-American Team.

Honorable Mentions went to Bill Callaghan, Paul Cramer, John Kulsar, and Tom Dorsey of Williams. Bob Kateley, an end for St. Michael's and former Drury star, also was included in the honor.

My friend was feeling very badly. He was worrying because he had just lost 110 pounds. She was a blonde.

The shoemaker was explaining to a complaining customer the reason for the poor quality of his soles. "All the good leather," he said, "is going into steaks."



Some of the Bloomerettes and Pin Pals take a well-earned rest.



The Network Amateurs, Scanties, and Sparkettes check on their team standings.



Fran Gatto and Ruth Yarter take their turns and chalk up scores for their respective teams.

Girls' Bowling League Standings

Winner of the first round—Ind.	Won	Lost
Independents.....	29	4
Beaverettes.....	28	5
Industrial Oils.....	26	7
Pin Pals.....	17	16
Sparkettes.....	17	16

Western Electric.....	16	17
Scatter Girls.....	15	18
Scanties.....	15	18
Seabees.....	12	21
Filter Fillies.....	11	22
Bloomerettes.....	8	25
Network Amateurs.....	4	29

High Individual Average on Each Team.

M. Senecal—Ind..... 90.8—33 str.

N. Puppulo—Ind. Oils 90.7—30 "

H. Martel—Beaverettes 89.2—27 "

G. Demitt—Sparkettes 85.3—33 "

I. Anton—Wes. Elec. 84.8 33 "

A. Mason—Pin Pals... 84.7—24 "

C. Davis—Filter Fils. 83.4—27 "

D. Davison—Scatter Girls..... 82.5—30 "

I. Gingras—Scanties... 81. —27 "

J. Crawford—Seabees. 78.5—30 "

M. Unis—Network Am. 78.1—30 "

J. LaPierre—Bloomerettes..... 77.4—21 "

High School Basketball Launched Into Season

by Kenny Russell

Drury has played three exhibition games so far this season and has dropped all encounters.

The first game against Lansingburg was a real thriller as the "Blue Devils" overcame a 10-point first half deficit only to lose out on a set shot by Captain Wilcove with just 30 seconds remaining in the contest. Final score was 52-51. Yeaton and Truehart were outstanding for Drury with 20 and 14 points respectively. Wilcove, Myer, and Carpenter were standouts for the New York State team. Inability to sink fouls cost Drury the game.

In their second game, Drury was downed by the Williams Freshmen, 44-34. In this game at Lasell Gym in Williamstown, the Drury lads did all right for the first half and trailed by only 3 points at intermission.

However, the third quarter found the College boys pulling away to a comfortable lead which was maintained through the remainder of the game. For Drury, the scoring was evenly divided with all hands contributing to the total.

In a return game at the local Armory, the Williams "Frosh" swamped the "Blue Devils", 61-34.

Adams High has won all three starts to date, knocking off Lenox, 58-36, Bennington, 62-39, and Williams High without too much trouble.

Adams looms as the team to beat in the Northern Berkshire area. Veteran Captain Chet Bury is flanked by Jack Crews, a senior who has come into his own this season and is proving to be a very prolific scorer.

Pittsfield High with a fairly new quintet pulled an early season upset by downing the pride of Southern Berkshire, Lee High, and very convincingly, 42-17.

Pittsfield St. Joseph has shown plenty of offense by scoring an easy win over Lenox.

Dalton High is a dark horse and has shown up well in early exhibition games. Seales was extended on their home court in subduing the Paper Town Five.

Williamstown has a veteran array and has looked very good this early in the season. The team played two thrilling games with Williams High, splitting the contests.

The local St. Joseph quintet looms as a real threat in Northern Berkshire play. The boys are big and already have won 3 ball games and have shown a lot of spirit. Coach Perry, former Williamstown great, has the team on edge and "rarin'" to go.

The regular schedule begins after the holidays.

Williams Team Wins Over N. A. S. Teachers

Williams launched its 1951-52 season with an easy win over our local North Adams State Teachers aggregation.

For the State Teachers, this was their second game of the current season and their second defeat. The "Profs" were beaten at the local Armory in the opener by a very close score by Salem.

This year Williams is led by diminutive and aggressive Captain Schudt. Because this was the opener for the "Purple", Coach Al Shaw inserted a number of players during the contest. The "Ephmen" started slowly but once they gained momentum the result was never left in doubt. Both teams played ragged at times and the loss of several seniors graduated last June is going to be felt. Final score was 54-32.

Williams won its second straight game by downing Union, 53-42. Captain Win Schudt played a strong foul game. The "Purple" won this game by cashing in on numerous foul shots.

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An Open Letter To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:

I know your eyes are not as young as they used to be when I was a little boy and I hear your beard is a bit whiter now than it was then. I still remember how I tried to keep awake so I could talk to you and maybe feel your hand upon my head. Somehow, though, the sandman always seemed to get there just before you came, so I always thought I missed you.

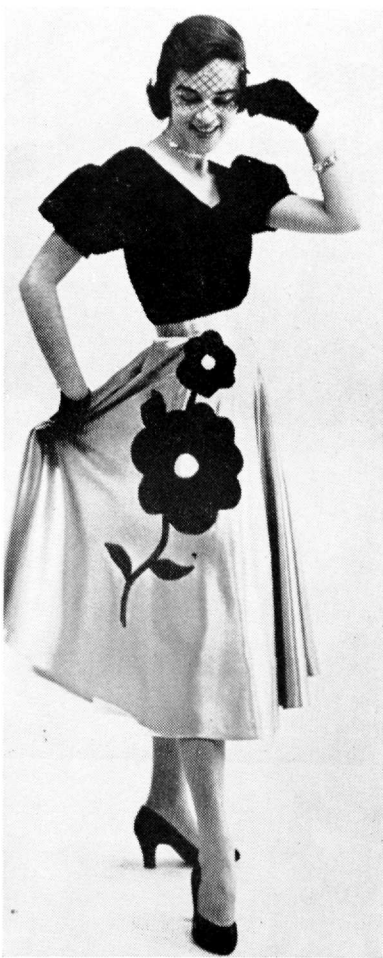
It was not until I had gotten much older and it was after you had stopped bringing me toys for Christmas that I realized I had seen you but had not recognized you. In fact, I had seen you many times and did not know it. One day, it came to me all of a sudden that Christmas was not the only time you came to visit us. I finally figured out that most of the time you hid yourself in the hearts of many people. Sometimes these people did not know you were there, and then, all of a sudden, they found you were in their hearts and your spirit would work through their whole being and burst out like the sun on a cloudy day. They would do something to help someone out and most of the time they did not have to be asked. But me, I always felt that because they did not have a white beard, red suit, or twinkling eyes that it wasn't you. Now I know better, Santa, I know you're down among us all the time hunting for people who have room inside them to let you in.

This Christmas, Santa, is going to be a hard one for many families, for the mothers, fathers, husbands, brothers, sons, and sisters who have been separated because of war. Today all over the world, in the hearts of many men is bitterness, fear, hatred, and greed. Because of this, there is not much room for you, Santa, so I am going to ask you a favour—this year, instead of coming to see me, take the time you might give me and see if you can't find a room in Korea where men's heads are bent over some map of a country torn by strife. When you find this spot, Santa, maybe you'll find one man who has a little room left in his heart for you and for the world.

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Above:
A swishy formal for gay holiday parties.



Right:
A holiday twosome — practical and pretty.

Bathtub Assembly

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in December he entered this world, but we settled for the fourth.

Mary Bourdon has returned to her former job at Marshall Street.

The sighs and "oh, dears" are from the B.T.A. Marge Brooks is having her home redecorated. That's the result of a new television set.

We enjoyed our Christmas party which was held on December 12 at the Elks' Home. Thanks to Pete Grande for making the arrangements.

A big welcome to Annis O'Neill on her return after a leave of absence.

Production Engineering

by Fran Melito

"Hi" to Eleanor Morris, Joan Brosseau, Mary Recny, Harry Martin, Dick Gold, and June Adams.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Teeple on the recent birth of their daughter, Claudia.

Congratulations to Lean Mulette who recently was wed to Verne Hurlbut, and also to Mr. and Mrs. John Caparrelli on the announcement of their wedding. Mrs. Caparrelli is the former Lois Pike. Best of luck, kids.

Rita Bishop's vacation has led her to Florida. Lucky girl, hope you've had a marvelous time.

All the luck to Lester Dumoulin who recently enlisted in the United States Navy.

Our own Ann Claudell was chosen queen of the Military Ball held on November 30.

Anyone who is planning to build a house should contact Hank Valenti. Hank's new house is coming along fine; he should be moving in any day.

The pierced-ear bug finally has gotten to Doris Langer. Didn't hurt a bit, hey, Do? You look real sharp, gal.

Paper Rolling (Nights)

by Fran

Almost forgot all about writing for the LOG due to the excitement of the holiday season. So I will get busy now and give my readers the news.

We were sorry to see Mary Farinon, Alice Foote, and Dot Meiklejohn leave us. They were called back to their own departments.

But it is hello to Doris Scrivens, Florence Haskins, Sis Vadnais, Rita

Morehouse, Stacia Kulpa, and Loretta Galuska. Welcome to our gang. Hope you like us.

Betty Prenguber came back after a leave of absence and she looks fine and dandy.

We had a small pizza party during our fifteen-minute break for Flo Chalifoux. Flo will be singing "Rock-a-Bye Baby" real soon, and it had better be a girl.

Did you notice that thin mark near Art Demarsico's lip. We think he's growing a handle bar!

Just a little pat on the back for my husband. He got a 105-pound Spike Horn in Wilmington, Vt. Just a lucky guy, that's all.

Honored At Greenback Shower

Miss Leona Luczynski, of the Filter Department, was guest of honor at a greenback shower given on November 10 at the home of Mrs. Josephine Marchio. Following a mock wedding ceremony, a spaghetti supper was served to the guests.



Ernie Jones of Planning brought down his nine-point buck on November 14, the first day of hunting season, in Somerset, Vermont. The deer weighed 190 pounds dressed.

Twinkle Little "Star"!

by MARY GORDON

...And don't we all like to 'Twinkle' around the holidays? Even if we don't dress up very often during the year, at Christmas time everyone has occasion to slip into a dreamy party dress. One way to cut down on expenses during the Christmas season is to "sew your own". There's just time to whip up a brand-new dress for the holidays on your sewing machine. If your calendar calls for a real formal, combine glossy satin and organdy to make Simplicity Printed Pattern 2964, with a cuffed bodice top, filmy stole, and matching overskirt as shown. You can invest the money you save by making your own formal in an extra special Christmas present for your favorite person.

A holiday twosome which is both practical and pretty is a velveteen blouse with slightly dropped puff sleeves (Simplicity Printed Pattern 3714) combined with a simple-to-make circular skirt, (Simplicity Printed Pattern 3560) with or without bright felt applique.

A picture of the finished product is shown — attractive don't you think?

Sewing with Simplicity is easy all the way, because every pattern piece is printed to show you what it is, where it goes on the fabric, and notches point out exactly where each piece joins its mate.

Before you buy your fabric, be sure to consult the back of the pattern envelope for important suggestions on fabric, thread, fasteners, ribbon or trimmings.

For a happier holiday, sew a real gala dress in keeping with the festive occasion and make it a special Christmas present from you to you.

Best wishes for an exciting holiday season and may you all enjoy another new year of good health and happiness.

Births

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Davignon on October 9. Mr. Davignon is employed in the General Maintenance — Construction Gang and Mrs. Davignon is employed in Dry Tubular Assembly.

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sacco on October 12. Mr. Sacco works in Formation.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. C. Cronin on November 8. Mr. Cronin is employed in Formation.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Clark on November 8. Mr. Clark is employed in Formation Control.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Pierce on November 20. Mrs. Pierce is employed in Paper Ignition Assembly.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. William G. Roberts on November 26. Mrs. Roberts is employed in the Small Order S Department.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Armand Trombley on November 27. Mrs. Trombley is Theresa of Resistor Assembly.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy McClintock on November 29. Mrs. McClintock is Rita of Miscellaneous Dry Rolling-DG 24 Assembly.

Welcome Home, Father!

Who's the stranger, mother dear?

Look, he knows us. Ain't he queer?

Hush, my son, don't talk so wild;

He's your father, dearest child.

He's my father? No such thing!

Father died, 'way back last spring.

Father didn't die, you dub;

Father joined a golfing club.

But now the season's closed, so he

Has no place to go you see;

No place left for him to roam

That is why he's come back home.

Kiss him — he won't bite you, child;

All those golfing guys look wild.

(Taken from the Acme Steel News)